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SUBJECT: SELA ACTION COMMITTEE MEETS IN CARACAS

1. THE SELA ACTION COMMITTEE DEALING WITH NUTRITION AND FOOD
ADDITIVES MET IN CARACAS JANUARY 9-13. THIRTEEN COUNTRIES
WERE REPRESENTED, INCLUDING ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, COLOMBIA,
COSTA RICA, CUBA, CHILE, GUATEMALA, GUYANA, MEXICO, PANAMA,
PERU, URUGUAY AND VENEZUELA. DR. MIGUEL OSIO SANDOVAL, THE
ACTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, PRESIDED OVER THE SESSIONS.

2. THE GROUP DECIDED TO PROPOSE TO SELA MEMBER GOVERNMENTS
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CORPORATIONS TO PRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE SOYA
BASED FOOD SUPPLEMENTS THROUGH LATIN AMERICA. IN ADDITION, THE
COMPANIES WOULD ASSIST IN IMPROVING THE SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF
HIGH
QUALITY FOODS SUCH AS COTTON SEED MEAL, SESAME AND SUNFLOWER SEEDS,
PEANUTS AND BEANS, BASIC FOOD ITEMS WHICH ARE CHEAP AND
PLENTIFUL IN SOME AREAS OF LATIN AMERICA, BUT WHICH ARE OFTEN
NOT INCLUDED IN THE DIETS OF LOWER INCOME GROUPS. FINALLY,
THE GROUP DECIDED TO URGE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO WORK TOGETHER
TOWARDS REGIONAL SELF SUFFICIENCY IN GRAINS AND TO TAKE STEPS
TO INSURE THAT POORER ELEMENTS OF THE POPULATION OF LATIN AMERICA
CAN AFFORD TO INCLUDE IN THEIR DIET CORN, RICE, DAIRY PRODUCTS,
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AND FRESH FRUIT.

3. VENEZUELA CURRENTLY IMPORTS ABOUT \$25 MILLION IN SOYBEAN
ANNUALLY. SHOULD THE SELA ACTION PROGRAM BE IMPLEMENTED SUCCESSFULLY
IN THIS COUNTRY, US PRODUCERS COULD ANTICIPATE SUBSTANTIALLY
INCREASED SALES OF THIS COMMODITY HERE AND PRESUMABLY THROUGHOUT
LATIN AMERICA.

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